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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Commission

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SUBJECT: MUR 6838 (Unknown Respondent)

RE: Notification of Respondent

On November 19, 2015, the Commission found reason to believe that Unknown Respondent violated the Federal Election Campaign Act, as amended, by failing to include a proper disclaimer on a mailer as required under 52 U.S.C. § 30120(a) and failing to report expenditures or independent expenditures under 52 U.S.C. §§ 30104(b) or 30104(c). *See* Certification, MUR 6838 (Unknown Respondent) (Nov. 23, 2015). The Commission took no action at that time as to whether the expenditures associated with the mailer required the disclosure on a 24-hour report under 52 U.S.C. § 30104(g). *See* Certification, MUR 6838 (Unknown Respondent) (Dec. 2, 2015). The Commission also authorized an investigation to identify the unknown respondent. *See* Certification, MUR 6838 (Unknown Respondent) (Nov. 23, 2015).

Based on our investigative findings to date, the individual responsible for the mailers appears to be Joseph Aossey of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, who was identified by a representative of the direct mail vendor. As such, consistent with previous Commission practice in complaint-generated matters involving initially unknown respondents, now that we have become aware of the identity of the apparent respondent, we intend to notify Aossey about the allegations made in the Complaint and offer him an opportunity to respond. *See, e.g.*, MUR 6642 (Kauffman).